

REMARKS

Claims 7-14 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant editorially amends the specification and claim 7 for improved conformity with the US practice. No new matter is being added. The amendments to claim 7 were made for reasons of precision of language and consistency, and do not narrow the literal scope of the claims and thus do not implicate an estoppel in the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

I. Preliminary Matter

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2008.

II. Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner objected the specification and rejected claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 10-14 are allowed.

III. Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to clearly indicate that the computer readable recording medium excludes non-statutory matter (*see* page 2 of the Office Action). Applicant herein amends the specification to clearly indicate that the computer readable recording medium excludes the non-statutory subject matter. In view of this amendment to the specification, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to now withdraw this objection. No new matter is being added.

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has revised claim 7 for improved conformity with the US practice, and respectfully submits that the claims as now presented no longer include the potential § 101 issue mentioned by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of the claims.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 10-14.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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